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AMEMBASSY ABIDJAN

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AMEMBASSY KINSHASA

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AMEMBASSY OUAGADOUGOU

AMEMBASSY NIAMEY

AMEMBASSY YAOUNDE

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DEPT PASS PEACE CORPS

EO 11652: N/A

TAGS: CASC, DM

SUBJ: NEW DRESS STANDARDS FOR TOURISTS VISITING DAHOMEY

1. REQUEST ADDRESSEES ADVISE LOCAL PEACE CORPS OFFICES AND ANY AMERICAN TOURISTS PLANNING TRAVEL DAHOMEY THAT EFFECTIVE 11 JULY 74, ALL DAHOMEAN FRONTIER, PORT AND AIRPORT IMMIGRATION PERSONNEL HAVE BEEN INSTRUCTED TURN AWAY ANY VISITOR WHO IN ANY SENSE RESEMBLES A "HIPPIE". DIRTY CLOTHING, LACK OF FUNDS, LONG HAIR, AND UNTRIMMED BEARDS QUALIFY AN INDIVIDUAL AS A "HIPPIE," ACCORDING DAHOMEAN UNOFFICIAL DEFINITION.

2. "HIPPIES", AND UNSUITABLE DRESSED PEOPLE IN THE COMPANY OF  
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"HIPPIES", WITHIN DAHOMEY MAY BE SUBJECT TO QUESTIONING BY

LOCAL POLICE/SURETE. ON 11 JULY 74 THREE AMERICAN VISITORS (TWO VISITING PEACE CORPS VOLUNTEERS AND ONE TOURIST) WERE PICKED UP BY POLICE OFFICIALS WHILE WALKING IN COTONOU. THE TOURIST WAS PUT IN JAIL AND HELD THERE FOR THREE HOURS BEFORE BEING TAKEN TO THE SURETE AND IMMIGRATION HEADQUARTERS, FROM WHICH HE WAS RELEASED THREE HOURS LATER. THE TWO PEACE CORPS VOLUNTEERS, DETAINED LATER IN THE AFTERNOON, WERE TAKEN DIRECTLY TO THE SURETE HEADQUARTERS, QUESTIONED AND RELEASED THREE HOURS LATER. ALL THREE VISITORS WERE ORDERED TO REPORT TO SURETE HEADQUARTERS THE FOLLOWING MORNING. A SURETE OFFICIAL EXPLAINED TO THE AMERICAN CONSUL, WHO ACCOMPANIED THE THREE AMERICANS ON THEIR SECOND VISIT TO THE SURETE, THAT THE THREE AMERICANS PLUS A GROUP OF SIX GERMAN EXPLORER SCOUTS WERE ALL PICKED UP FOLLOWING A RECENT DECISION TO CRACK DOWN ON "HIPPIES." THE OFFICIAL RETURNED THE PASSPORTS TO THE THREE AMERICANS AND TOLD THEM THEY WERE FREE TO COMPLETE THEIR VISIT TO DAHOMEY IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE VISAS PREVIOUSLY ISSUED.

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